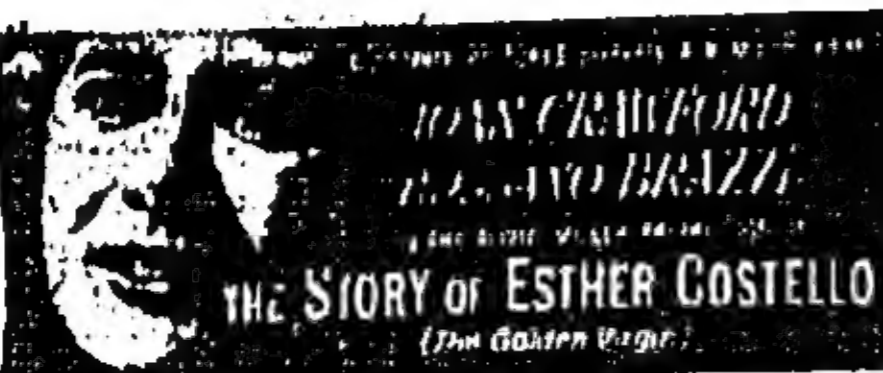


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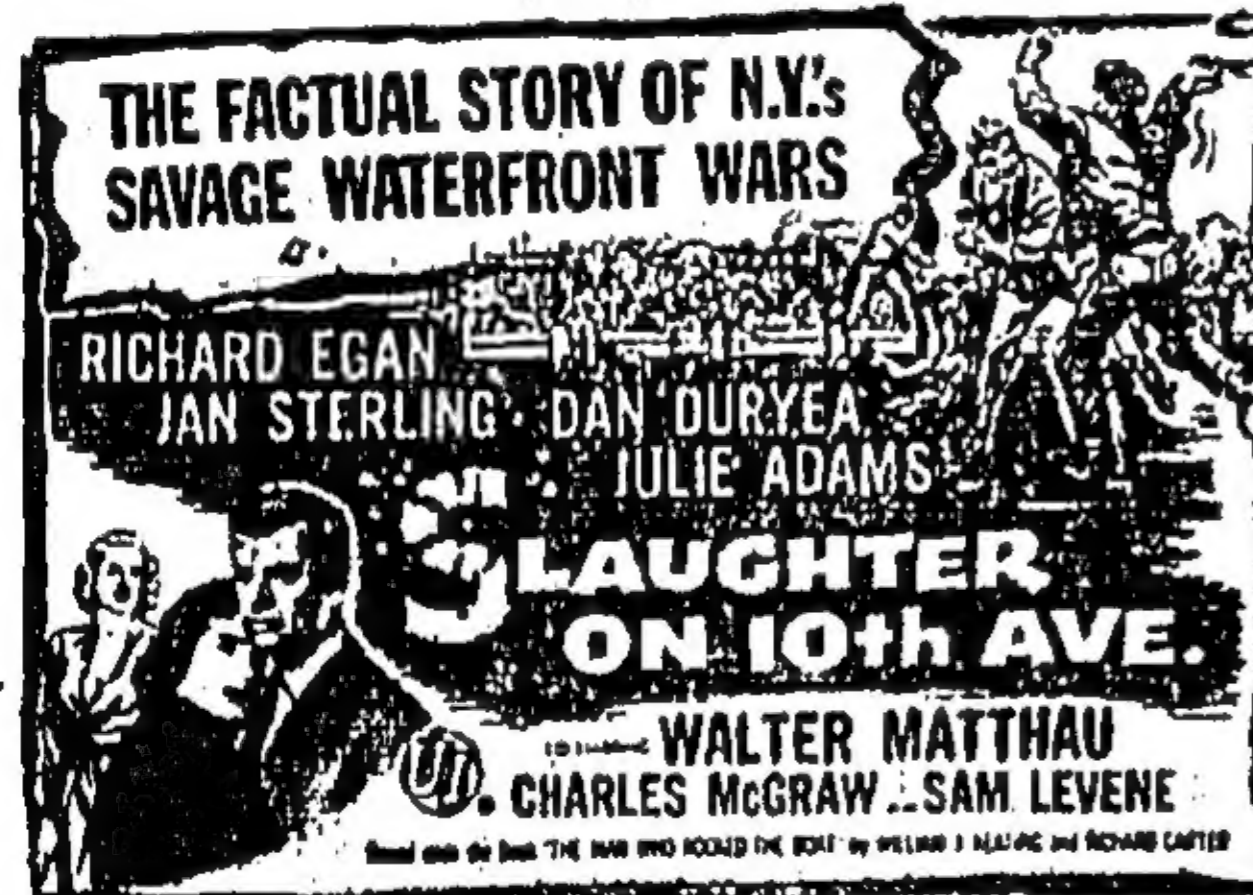
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M. GAILLARD STAKES HIS GOVT AGAIN

Paris, Mar. 12.

French Premier, Felix Gaillard, today staked his government's life on a new confidence vote after a surprise parliamentary amendment of his constitutional revision bill.

Adoption of the amendment was made possible by the vote of the government-coalition Conservative Independent Party, but Edmond Barrachin, a party leader, later said his group had approved the amendment by mistake.

The confidence vote, the seventh to be requested by Gaillard thus far, will take place on Tuesday.

Gaillard demanded the vote when the Assembly, in a surprise move, approved by 281 to 210 an amendment which would clamp constitutional restrictions on the right of French Premiers to request confidence votes in the future.

The government's constitutional revision bill is aimed mainly at strengthening the French executive.

The amendment, presented by Social Republican Raymond Triboulet, would empower the Premier to request a confidence vote, and the opposition to move a vote of censure, only on the government's general policy, international treaties and the budget.

ARTICLES

Gaillard asked for a confidence vote on all the articles of the constitutional bill including a second reading of the original version of the amended article.

Some members balked at this manner of proceeding the confidence issue, and the Assembly ordered its bureau to decide whether it was acceptable.

After the bureau ruled that Gaillard had the right to formulate the confidence question as he wished, the vote was scheduled for Tuesday — following national conferences scheduled for the weekend by several parties.

Numerous members may be reluctant to support the government on Tuesday, as the confidence vote will cover articles which have not yet been debated — particularly the articles dealing with parliamentary dissolution.

But if Gaillard wins the confidence vote, the entire constitutional bill is expected to be sent back to committee before the full Assembly resumes debate on it. — France-Press.

Nasser's Order To Ban All Syrian Parties

Cairo, Mar. 12.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic, tonight decreed the immediate dissolution of all existing parties and political organizations in the Province of Syria. The decree was reported by radio.

The decree banned the formation of any new parties or political organizations in the Syrian Province.

It stipulated that members of the dissolved parties and organizations can participate in no partisan activities, in any form. — France-Press.

Sputnik II's Progress

London, Mar. 12.

The second Soviet Sputnik with its dead space dog is now losing altitude and should reach the world's outer atmosphere towards the middle of April, English space expert, Professor A. C. D. Lovell, stated tonight. Lovell is the Director of the Jodrell Bank radio telescopic observatory which has been following the progress of earth satellites. — France-Press.

Quad's Death

London, Mar. 12.

One of the quadruplets born to Glasgow police Sergeant's wife, Hilma Bolling, died in hospital tonight. The other daughter and the two sons are doing as well as can be expected, the hospital authorities stated tonight. — France-Press.

A 'Journey Through Space' For Five

Dayton, Mar. 12.

FIVE Air Force officers today entered a small chamber in which they will experience conditions like those inside a satellite racing through outer space at 18,000 miles an hour.

The five-day test is being staged at the Air Force base here.

The men will occupy tiny capsules, slightly larger than an enclosed aircraft seat, at the end of the space cabin. In these capsules the crew will handle simulated controls and undergo psychological tests.

A rest area contains bunks and a small food counter with an electric stove. Each man has his own food supply in a drawer containing frozen food. — China Mail Special.

Crisis In Lebanon: Government Resigns

Beirut, Mar. 12.

Premier Sami es Solh dissolved his government today to sift out opponents of his pro-Western policies.

Premier Solh resigned with his Cabinet in the face of growing pressure from opponents of the Syrian-Egyptian United Arab Republic. He handed his resignation to President Chamoun at 1300 GMT.

It was expected that he would form a new government shortly.

The reason given for the move was "political incompatibility" among Cabinet members. This was judged a barely veiled indication of intra-government squabbling over Lebanese policies toward the UAR and the West.

As long expected by observers here, Premier Solh apparently was acting to rid himself of opposition within his own official family and reappoint warmer supporters.

Premier Solh and his pro-Western Foreign Minister, Charles Malik, head a government solidly founded on Parliamentary support. He commands some 44 of the 60 members of

the legislature on the basis of national elections that rendered him a vote of confidence last summer.

But it was known from reliable sources here that the voices of President Nasser of UAR and those who favour him here were echoing more and more loudly in government circles.

Col. Nasser was said to have demanded that Mr. Malik be ousted and the Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East renounced as conditions for improved relations between the UAR and the Lebanon. — United Press.

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Press Praise For Queen Mother

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Of C'wealth'

London, Mar. 12.

Some British newspapers, in anticipation of the return of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother from her Australian tour this morning, published tributes, with The Times calling her the "Mobile Vicereine of the Commonwealth" and the Daily Mirror welcoming her back on behalf of its 14,000,000 readers.

"No Queen Dowager in history has taken such a place in the active life of this Kingdom and Commonwealth as Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has made for herself," The Times declared.

After saying that it was sometimes suggested that the Queen Mother might find a new public vocation as Governor General of one of the Commonwealth nations, The Times added:

"But now it is becoming apparent that she is too valuable to the whole to be localised in a party." — Reuter.

Prince Philip

Soellingen, Mar. 12.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived here by air today from Widenath for a few days private visit to his sisters.

He was met at the Canadian Air Force base by his brother-in-law, Margrave Berthold of Baden, and then drove to Castle Eberstein in the Murg River valley in West Germany. — Reuter.

Texas Snow

Dallas, Mar. 12.

The biggest snowfall in 52 years sifted down today on Texas and Oklahoma. El Paso, on the Mexican border, recorded 6 inches of snow, destroying its reputation for good weather. — France-Press.

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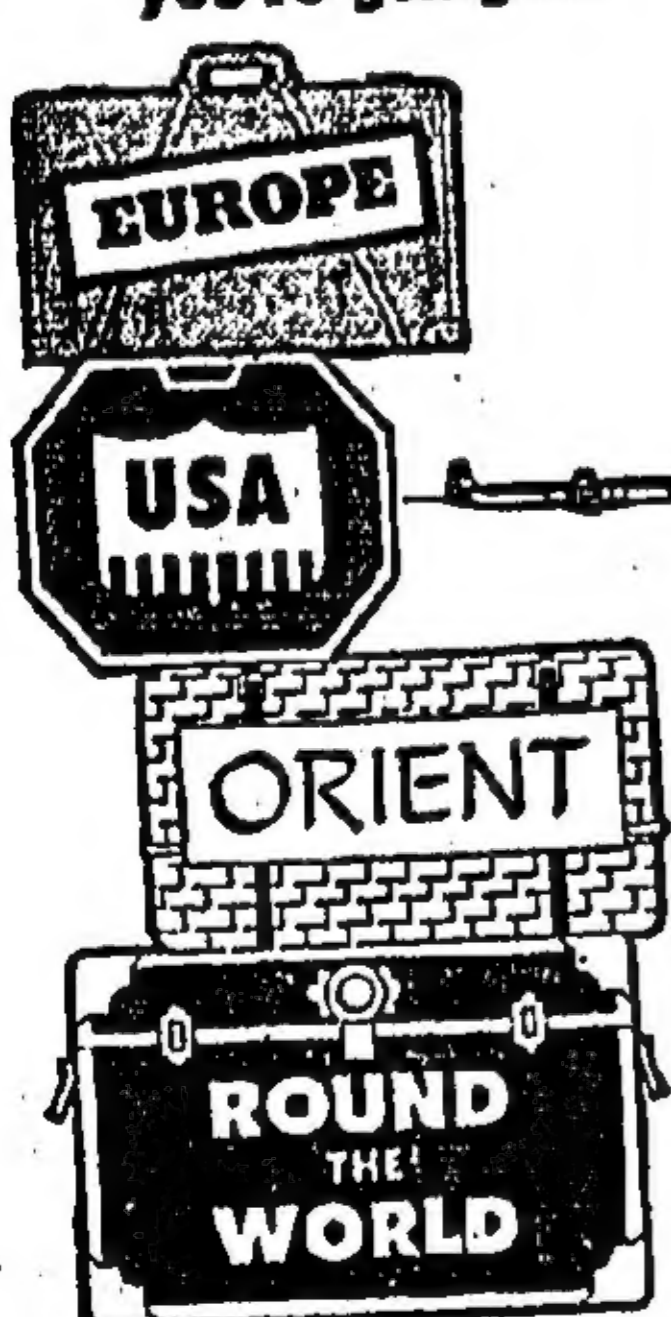
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THIS is one of the rarest sets of books in Britain... and one of the most terrifying. In 48 bulky volumes is unfolded the canned mind of a giant nation—the whole world as that nation's leaders think their people should see it. It is the Great Soviet Encyclopedia, the many millions under Red Rule. Such is the importance of this work that the men who edit it—Communism's top brains—must submit every "hot" item for the approval of Khrushchev himself. Until now there has been one significant gap in the encyclopedia—Volume Forty, dealing with the letter S. And this includes Russia's "hottest" subject—Stalin. Volume Forty has just been published in Moscow—and the new official picture of Stalin, as "rethought" by Khrushchev, emerges for the first time. Whittled down to five pages and one picture, it is a "1984" reconstruction of history and an ironic epitaph to a once-gigantic figure. This is the first interpretation of it—

by **STEPHEN CONSTANT**

THE new Stalin is a character brilliantly balanced between his "mistakes" and "merits." Here is the picture:—

"STALIN, real name Joseph Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili, born December 21, 1879. Died March 5, 1953. Outstanding leader of the Russians and International Workers movement, of the Soviet Communist Party, and of the Soviet State.

"An outstanding theoretician of Marxism-Leninism. Born in Gori in Tiflis, province of Georgia. His parents were cobbler. After primary education at a church school, Stalin entered the Tiflis Orthodox seminary in 1894."

So far so good. The early part of Stalin's life is given fairly factually with occasional blame and praise, particularly for Stalin's "big role in unifying the Party and unmasking the Trotskyists."

Gradually more and more subtle remarks creep into the text. It is important to remember that this article is the first full-scale attack on Stalin ever published in Russia, for Mr. K's famous de-Stalinisation speech has never been published there.

"Stalin violated the norms of Party life and the collective leadership worked out by Lenin. He was intolerant of anything that contradicted his own opinion. Stalin set himself in fact above all criticism."

'Defects'

THEN the encyclopedia quotes Lenin's famous letter accusing Stalin of being "rude, capricious, and showing lack of loyalty and consideration to his comrades." But "Stalin's promises to correct his defects were accepted in good faith and he was kept in his post."

After 1934 "Stalin, overestimating his own merits, started to believe that he was infallible."

Now the charges begin to pile in. "Stalin did much for the defence of the country in the fight against Fascism but on the eve of the great patriotic war he falsely estimated the international situation."

"He overestimated the Soviet-German non-aggression pact, he

ignored Intelligence reports about Nazi invasion preparations. He rejected all proposals as to the need to prepare for defence and alert troops in the frontier regions.

"This was one of the reasons why our forces in the West were caught by surprise. The units guarding the frontier fought heroically but they were not well enough prepared to repel the attacks and were forced to accept combat in circumstances completely unfavourable to them."

As a result of this Russia lost vast quantities of men and equipment "resulting in a drastic change in the balance of the forces—in the enemy's favour."

'Mistakes'

BUT the war was won, after all, due to the efforts of the other members of the Party and Government.

"After the end of the war Stalin then took on his own wrong decisions on economic questions and ignored proposals made by members of the Central Committee. This hurt the economic development of the country, especially in agriculture. Serious errors were also made by Stalin in foreign policy (e.g., the rupture with Yugoslavia)."

"Stalin's errors in the latter period of his life have doubtless slowed up to a certain extent the development of the Soviet society, but they have not been able to halt them and they have not been able to change the nature of the Soviet regime."

After the mud-slinging, more white-washing:—

"Stalin for a long time occupied a leading position at the centre of the Central Committee. All his activities were linked with carrying out a great transformation of our country. The Communist Party and Soviet people remember Stalin and give him his due."

"His name is inseparable from those of Marx and Lenin and it would be a flagrant distortion of historic facts to extend the errors he committed during the later years of his life over all his activities for the Party and Government over many long years."

Thus Stalin is left, no longer on a pedestal but on the carefully stretched lightrope of history.

Others as viewed through red spectacles

FOR other Soviet leaders the lightrope has turned into a noose.

Look at the entry for **MOLOTOV**, purged by Khrushchev and now working in the most miserable post in the Soviet diplomatic service, as ambassador to Mongolia.

Molotov's biography in the encyclopedia appeared before his disgrace:—

"Molotov: one of the most prominent organisers and builders of the Communist Party and Soviet State... has deserved the burning love and respect of the Party and workers of the Soviet Union, etc."

Here is the supreme irony: right until Molotov's fall, the encyclopedia was published by the "Molotov Printing Works, Moscow." Immediately after Khrushchev struck, the printers—who appear in small letters at the end of each volume—changed to "Ministry of Culture Printing Works."

Now all good Communists are expected to cut out the offending Molotov biography from their encyclopedia. This happened after the fall of Khrushchev. Then subscribers were sent a special few substitute pages on—THE BERING SEA.

And Tito

WHAT about **TITO**, another ticklish subject? Here the encyclopedia makes full amends for Stalin's feud with the Yugoslav leader.

"Tito: Prominent Yugoslav political and State leader, one of the foremost figures in the International Labour Movement."

"In the post-war years the Yugoslav people, under the leadership of their party headed by Tito achieved considerable successes in the building of Socialism, etc."

Not a word about the Tito-Stalin row.

And that is the great value of the encyclopedia as a guide for the Communist mind. What is not mentioned in it must never be mentioned.

And what about **KHRUSHCHEV** himself? He gets the greatest compliment of all: "Faithful pupil of V. I. Lenin." The full-page picture which he chose for the encyclopedia is a clue to how he likes to see himself—sober, tough, shrewd and devoted.

A man they are kind about

AND now, from the gloom and changing fortunes of Soviet power politics to one man who has always basked in the Kremlin's sunniest favours.

He is Dr Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean," of Canterbury. His entry says: "He is very popular with the workers of England and other countries. A prominent English, progressive and social personality."

"He fights against vicious anti-Soviet slanders, spread by the imperialists and their underdogs."

Perhaps Dr Johnson, who gets 78 lines of text and a picture of himself, would like to look up the following, humbler, entry in

one of the last volumes of the encyclopedia.

It is only eight lines long, and reads:—

"**CHRIST**, Jesus Christ—mythical founder of Christianity, supposed to be born in the Palestine town of Bethlehem in the reign of the Roman Emperor Augustus. Preached a new religious creed in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria.

"Died on a Cross and then, according to Christian teaching, resurrected."

That is all.

Tomorrow What they say about Churchill

ROUND-UP

Geneva

THE straits of Dover will be closed to all foreign aircraft if the 25 nations meeting here to draw up new laws for the sea decide to extend territorial waters from there to 12 miles round a country's coast.

Britain, America and a number of other countries are strongly against widening the three-mile limit, but many other nations favour the proposal.

Canada, to protect her fishing rights only, is asking for the new 12-mile limit.

"If Britain and France extended to the 12-miles limit each way there would be no room for aircraft to pass through the Straits of Dover without special permission," Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, the British Attorney General, said in an interview.

"Ships have a right of innocent passage through a coastal state's territorial waters, but aircraft do not."

"The British government feels that the freedom of the seas is of tremendous importance. These issues may seem technical and legal in character, but their importance to the man in the street should be realised."

"If the three-mile limit is extended it would also seriously affect our fishing industry," said Sir Reginald. "It would cut down our catch by some 40 per cent."

Sir Reginald, as senior law officer of the Crown, is heading the British delegation of maritime lawyers, ship-owners, fishing industry leaders, government department and Seamen's Union officials at this nine-weeks' meeting.

The Attorney General agreed there was a danger that Britain and other big maritime nations might be out-voted on this important question by non-maritime states.

The Soviet bloc is not in favour of an international agreement to extend territorial waters.

ROME ITALIAN police and the American FBI have smashed a drug-smuggling ring operating in Cairo, Genoa, New York and Athens.

Eight Egyptian sailors from the freighter Mohammed el Kahr have been arrested. Fourteen Italians, including four women who helped run the drug ring from a waterfront bar in Genoa, have also been arrested. One of the women, 38-year-old Angelina Tatlo, bossed the Italian headquarters.

The drugs were smuggled first into Italy by highly-paid couriers. Then they were put aboard the Egyptian ship when she called at Genoa.

An FBI agent made friends with two of the crew and was asked to join in the smuggling. Heroin, opium and hashish were among the drugs smuggled into America.

VIENNA AT the 1956 shop stewards election of a large Austrian oil concern in Proter, Lower Austria, the Communists gained an unexpected majority. Now a 30-year-old woman secretary employed by the company has told the police how it was done.

The woman, who is on the small side, says she was forced to spend the night following the election hidden in a desk in the office where votes were kept for counting the next day.

During the night, she substituted 681 faked votes for regular votes. Next day she helped to count them.

When the Communists threatened her recently with violence unless she repeated the trick at the forthcoming election she went to the police.

Dusseldorf GERMAN policemen will not wear Hitler awards on their uniforms—and not even the new medals authorised by the Federal Government. This was the unanimous decision of 94 delegates to the Police Officers' Trade Union Conference here this week.

"Many Germans are still opposed to the wearing of wartime medals," a spokesman said. "If we wore them, it might hamper our work."

WEEKEND Friell



"The Depression sure is here! Even the President is only working part time!"



"If you are giving them any nuclear missiles, sir, make sure the range won't reach the U.S."



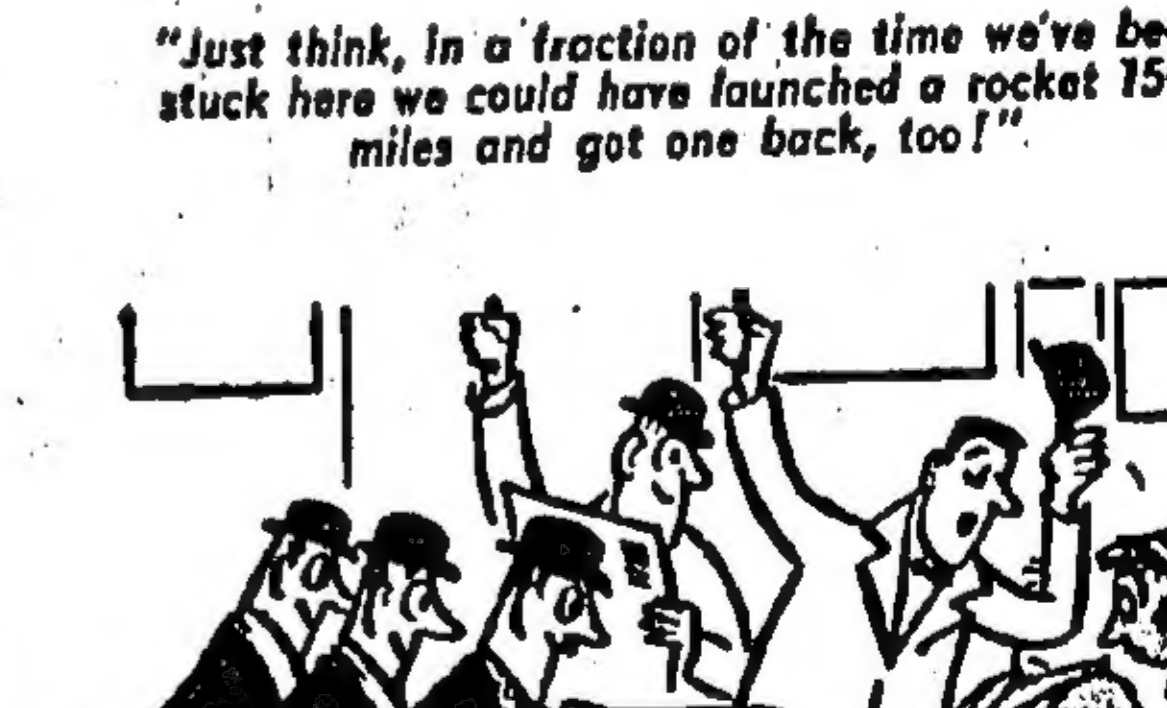
"My mum's always telling me my knees got shocking dirty, do yours?"



"We'd better watch that Committee. Remember, from a long term view we may need AID babies' votes in a future election."



"Just think, in a fraction of the time we've been stuck here we could have launched a rocket 1500 miles and got one back, too!"



"Excuse me, miss, would you like to stand up?"



"You know, I wouldn't be surprised if the level of employment around here didn't fall by three in the near future."

DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN THEY WON'T FOOL FOREMAN MURPHY

London. Jimmy Murphy was the eternal, inspired backroom-boy, the superb supporting cast to the football factory they call Manchester United. That was all 46-year-old Jimmy Murphy wanted to be, just the foreman at the football factory. He was the man in the track suit. He turned boys into soccer men.

Jimmy Murphy had no time for the posed pleasantries and diplomacy of the board room, but now, as the man who salvaged the wreckage of a shattered team and moulded them into defiant unbeatable, he has to appear in what he calls "the drawing room."

He endures the back-slaps and the hearty handshakes that are part of the parade of success, but this forthright man Murphy almost hisses as an aside: "Yes, and they would be the first to turn their backs if you stopped." That is Murphy the realist. Murphy, the Welshman with an Irish name and an Irish fighting fury to match.

When West Bromwich were beaten, Jimmy Murphy almost snarled: "That will teach people (meaning West Bromwich manager Vic Buckingham) to talk about seven or eight goals. That will show them not to go about predicting."

His Fierce Joy

Man-of-the-moment Murphy had taken the comment as a personal insult to his team, and that team is his life and his fierce joy.

It was Jimmy Murphy who stored up the treasury of talent that is keeping Manchester United on the glory way. His chief and his friend, Matt Busby, relied upon Jimmy. If Murphy said "Sign," then a player was signed.

And he watched his nursery of soccer starlets with a mother's devotion and a sergeant major's discipline. After all, he was wartime Sergeant Murphy of the Royal Artillery. He can stick out his jaw and thump his massive fist into a hefty palm and insist:—

"If you play for Manchester United you NEVER shirk a tackle."

"You ALWAYS chase a loose ball."

"No game is EVER considered lost. Get it? And never forget it."

When Murphy was compelled to buy ready-made talent to mend the broken team he bought

brilliantly. Ernie Taylor is destined to become the Footballer of the Year. Stan Crowther in his brief appearances has never played better in his life.

It was simply that Murphy injected them with a Manchester United spirit.

Murphy fingers a blue and gold golf club lie and chuckles richly: "Never had time to play the game."

He is great fun as a companion, a handy man with a pint, a man who loves to laugh.

His touchline seat becomes a penitents' bench as the fellows every move, clutching, gawking, occasionally holding his head in his hands because he can endure no more.

But when Jimmy Murphy goes home he leaves his triumphs and slight failure out of doors.

Mrs Murphy cheerfully admits she knows nothing at all about football, that football is her husband's business and let him get along with it.

And how gloriously Jimmy Murphy does just that.

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SOME PUBLICITY

Best soccer team in the United States has the unusual title of the Kutis Underliners. They are amateurs, backed by a 55-year-old St. Louis undertaker named Tom Kutis. He also runs three junior teams, 41 bowling teams, six basketball teams, and three women's softball teams. Total cost \$5,000 a year. He says his hobby keeps him young; also the "undertaking business does not get much publicity but I bet everyone has heard of Kutis."

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess.

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail, My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

Sports Diary

TODAY

Athletics
Queen's College Annual Athletics.
Caroline Hill, noon.

TOMORROW

Athletics
US Far Eastern Air Force v
IKKAAA (SCAA Stadium) 7:30 p.m.
Heats of HK Older Banks' Sports
at Army Ground, Boundary St.

Badminton
Finals of Colony Junior Championship
Ladies' Doubles, Men's
Doubles and Mixed Doubles at CCC
commencing 7:30 p.m.

Football
Chinese P.A. Council Meeting,
Sports Road 9 p.m.

Russian Woman Regains World Chess Title

Moscow, Mar. 12. Elizabeth Bykova today regained her Women's World Chess Championship title by defeating the holder, Olga Rubtsova, Tass news agency reported.

Bykova of the Soviet Union won the world women's chess title for the first time in 1953 when she beat her compatriot Ludmilla Rudenko by 8-3. In 1956, she lost her title to another Russian woman, Rubtsova, but today she regained her title from the same opponent.

ANOTHER DON BRADMAN?

For Australian Sports Fans O'Neill Is A New Breath Of Life

By RICHARD VOUMARD

Sydney.

Is 21-year-old Norman O'Neill (1005 in 14 innings) a new Bradman?

The critics will have it, and the facts seem to support it. The furor over his job and the state for which he will play next season have a touch of the pomp and splendour of the Don.

For Australian sports fans, who watch with dismay the annual export of tennis stars to the US professional round, who wave goodbye to swimmers off to snatch an American education, and whose cricketers have been sadly in the doldrums, O'Neill is a new breath of life. A new idol—the major necessity of Aussie sports arenas—has arrived.

O'Neill has already achieved a distinction grown rare these lean cricketing years—he's brimmed over the sports pages onto the front pages.

While the garrulous tabloids hail O'Neill as the "New Bradman," "Another boy-from-Bowral" (Bradman's home town), and "a new model run-getting machine," more cautious observers want to see more.

Some observers remember another year, another double century on which the then 17-year-old fan Craig swept overnight to dizzy Test ranks. Craig rattled up 50 in as many minutes in his first Test against the South Africans, then spent two bleak bitter seasons (one of them in England) trying to figure out where he lost confidence. Don't let it happen here tonight. The tour was decided on after Melbourne matchmaker Jacques Warner had contacted several French managers in Paris with a view to getting French-based boxers to come to Australia.

Besides Campo, the team will include middleweight Francois Anwey, flyweight Mohammed Menard, and a lightweight to be selected later. Philippe Menard, who will accompany and manage the team, also hopes to stage bouts with his boxers in Manila, Bangkok and Tokyo.

His Record

His record for NSW this season reads:
Vs Queensland 4, 13.
Vs West. Aust. 33, 48no
Vs West Aust. 50, 55.
Vs South Aust. 114—
Vs Victoria 11, 17.
Vs Queensland 74, 49
Vs South Aust. 125, 23no
Vs Victoria 233—

The feat of 1000 runs in an Australian season is comparable to 1000 in May, in county cricket. The honour has fallen to only two others: Bill Foneford (twice) and Bradman (many times).

Bradman holds the highest tally for an Australian season, scoring 1039 runs in 1928/29, but before O'Neill's onslaught, was Arthur Morris's 13 innings for 558 in 1948-49.

O'Neill swept past his 1000 runs at the Sydney cricket ground on January 23, when he studied, played, dissected, and then murdered the Victorian attack to the tune of 233 in 244 minutes (38 fours).

The critics, the crowd, the selectors, and his team-mates went wild. The following day, downcast Victorian bowlers John Edwards and John Salmon watched the Australian tennis titles in an attempt to forget their woes—and their aching backs. "Just don't mention his name," moaned Salmon, "it gives me more blisters."

O'Neill employs delicate cuts, flashing drives, and confident onside play for most of his runs. His confidence may be assessed by the fact that instead of becoming careful when a century comes in sight, he leaps towards it with relief. Against Victoria, he jumped from 83 to 100 with five successive balls—4, 4, 4, 4, 1.

A Necessity

But even while the wizard was winking elated, from the wicket, that afternoon, O'Neill struggled with the problem which harasses many first class cricketers in Australia—Professional cricket, as such, does not exist. A benevolent employer becomes as much a necessity to the constantly travelling Shield players, as bat and gloves.

In search of suitable employment to allow him playing time, O'Neill announced he would transfer from Sydney to Adelaide, and offer his services to the South Australian team. Bradman had done the same thing, 20 years before, and NSW lost thousands of pounds in potential gate receipts. With O'Neill's announcement, NSW stood to lose the greatest draw-card since Keith Miller, and one who could develop on the magnetic lines of a Bradman.

NSW sportswriters, the most caustic in Australia, rubbed their hands, unscrewed their vitriol bottles, and allied their pens.

For days the controversy raged furiously.

Commented NSW Cricket Association president Syd Smith: "We are naturally sorry O'Neill is going. It is very difficult to get people to provide suitable positions for cricketers. The NSW association has no means of providing positions for anybody."

One writer laconically remarked "It all adds up to the fact the NSWCA is not an employment agency."

"The association is doing nothing to keep him here," the critics charged. The administration was accused of laxity, indifference, short-sightedness, and ineptitude.

The central figure, with his wedding date set and anxious for the future, admitted "I'm all mixed up."

Offers of jobs began to roll in. Rumours and reports of "mystery offers" flooded the sports pages.

Jim Mathers, most caustic of all Australian sports writers, described claims by employers that they wanted to keep O'Neill in NSW "for cricket's sake" as "moonshine."

"The fantastic offers being made to O'Neill arise from the hope that his cricket entertainment value will help sell cigarettes, matches, sardines, and toothpaste," Mathers cracked.

Some offers were said to be in the region of £100 per week. Finally, newspaper posters and banners rejected "O'Neill will stay here," in headlines normally reserved for moments of national crisis.

The general manager of Rothman's (Aust) Ltd, Mr D.V. Rogers, formally announced: "O'Neill has been engaged on a ten-year contract. His salary is not extravagant, as has been said. He can play in any state he likes. If he wishes he can give up cricket altogether. We do not propose to use O'Neill as an advertising gimmick in any form whatsoever. We believe he has the quality to become an executive in a fairly short while, depending on his studies and his application to his job."

O'Neill, waiting no time before starting his new job, which will deal with all phases of the tobacco industry, described his feelings as "very relieved."

Finance Gwen Wallace (now Mrs O'Neill) said she was "glad it's all over. It has been exciting but worrying."

Crickets association president Syd Smith gave English cricketers some food for thought:

"I'm glad Norm decided to stay. I hope to see him play for Australia before the end of the year."

JIM LAKER SAYS

Amateurs Make More Money Than Professionals

London, Mar. 12. Jim Laker, Surrey and England professional off-spin bowler, criticised the MCC special committee's report on amateurs at a Cricket Society meeting in London tonight.

"A cricketer who cannot afford to play as an amateur either should not play or should become a professional," said Laker.

Commenting on "broken time" payments for amateurs on tour, Laker said: "This is the biggest lot of paycock I have heard. The general public does not realise that an amateur can make more money 'on the side' than a professional."

A. C. D. Ingleby-Mackenzie, the Hampshire amateur left-hand batsman, said: "I think the term 'cricketers' for all players is the easiest way out of the whole affair."

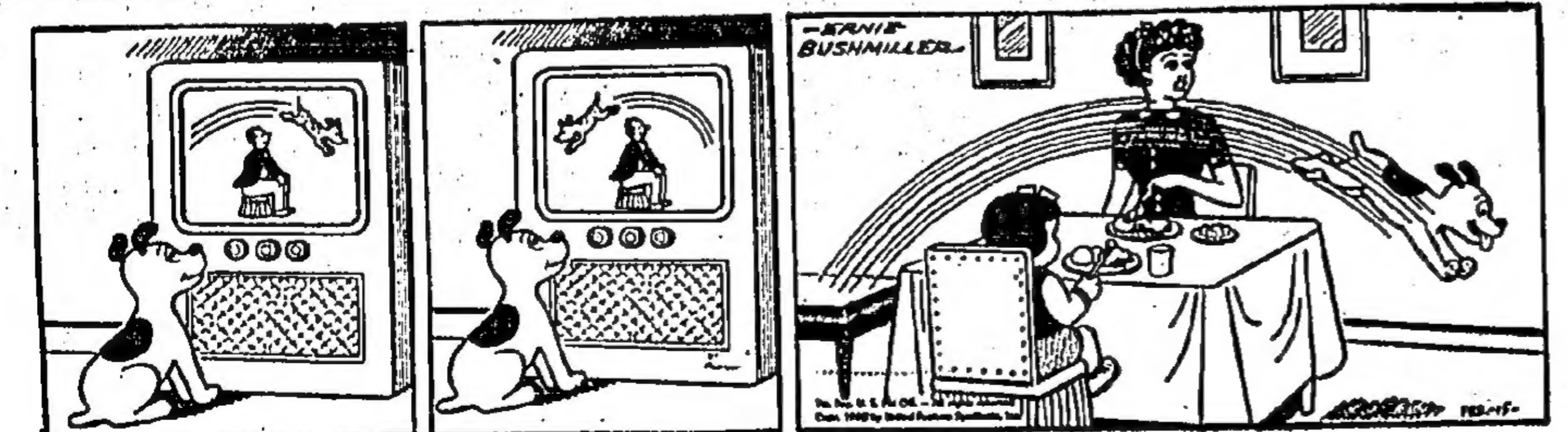
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